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Security Council

10 a.m. *(sharp)* . . . . . 5050th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan pursuant to paragraph 7 Security Council resolution 1547 (2004) (S/2004/763)

Morning[1] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

Other matters

4 p.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question[2]

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5050th meeting.

[2] With a view to a formal meeting.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Justice and the rule of law: the United Nations Role". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the secretariat (room S-3520; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from Friday, 1 October 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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General Assembly
Fifty-ninth session

Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (agenda item 45)

Inscriptions by Member States wishing to participate in the plenary meeting

All delegations wishing to participate in the plenary meeting, to be held on Thursday, 14 October 2004, are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers of the General Assembly Affairs Branch, also indicating the name and title of the speaker (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

For other information, please contact Mr. Kwabena Osei-Danquah (room DN-2317; tel. 1 (212) 297-5033; e-mail danquah@unfpa.org).

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. — 20th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [52]; Strengthening of the United Nations system [54]: report by the Secretary-General (A/59/354): joint debate

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. — 3rd meeting — Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items (items 57 to 72): *item 57* (A/59/192); *item 58*; *item 59*, *item 60* (A/59/116 and A/59/116/Add.1); *item 61*; *item 62* (A/59/165 (Part I) and A/59/165 (Part I)/Corr.1); *item 63*; *item 64*; *item 65* (A/59/117, A/59/117/Add.1, A/59/118, A/59/119, A/59/127, A/59/127/Add.1, A/59/127/Corr.1, A/59/128, A/59/128/Add.1, A/59/129, A/59/132, A/59/132/Add.1, A/59/132/Add.2, A/59/136, A/59/137, A/59/137/Add.1, A/59/156, A/59/156/Add.1, A/59/178, A/59/178/Add.1, A/59/179, A/59/181, A/59/193, A/59/278 and A/59/278/Corr.1); *item 66* (A/59/157, A/59/169, A/59/171, A/59/177, A/59/182 and A/59/209); *item 67* (A/59/42 (Suppl. 42) and A/59/168); *item 68* (A/59/165 (Part II); *item 69*; *item 70* (A/59/130 and A/59/130/Add.1); *item 71*; and *item 72*

Other documents (A/C.1/59/1, A/C.1/59/2 and A/C.1/59/INF.1)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4

1 Requests for hearing (A/C.4/59/2, A/C.4/59/3 and Add.1-21)

2. Agenda items 20, 79, 80, 81 and 82

General debate on all decolonization items: *item 20* (A/59/23 and A/C.4/59/4); *item 79* (A/58/23, chapters VII and XII, and A/59/71); *item 80* (A/59/23, chapters V and XII); *item 81* (A/59/23, chapters VI and VII, and A/59/64); and *item 82* (A/59/74)

Second Committee

10 a.m.–12 noon Conference Room 2

Keynote address to the Second Committee delegates by Mr. Paul Collier, Professor of Economics, St. Anthony's College, and Director, Centre for the Study of African Economies, University of Oxford, on "Development and conflict"

[The event will be presided over by Mr. Marco Balarezo (Peru), Chairman of the Second Committee. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.]

12 noon–1 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 2

General debate *(continued)*

India

Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

Saudi Arabia

Myanmar

Algeria

Singapore

3–6 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 2

General debate (*continued*)

Kenya

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Malaysia

Japan

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Namibia

Ukraine

Belarus

Ghana

Lesotho

Tajikistan

Philippines

Malawi

Eritrea

Thailand

Nepal

Venezuela

Organization of the Islamic Conference

Cameroon

African Union

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (A/59/120 and A/59/115) . [93]

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (A/59/73) . . . . . [94]

   (a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (A/59/176)

   (b) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all (A/59/267)

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/59/164) . . . . . [95]

Continuation of general discussion

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 2nd meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-seventh session (A/59/17) . . . . . [143]

Observer status for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly (A/59/141 and A/C.6/59/L.3) . . . . . [151]

Observer status for the Southern African Development Community in the General Assembly (A/59/142 and A/C.6/59/L.5) . . . . . [152]

Observer status for the Collective Security Treaty Organization in the General Assembly (A/59/195, A/59/195/Corr.1 and A/C.6/59/L.4) . . . . . [157]

Observer status for the Economic Community of West African States in the General Assembly (A/59/232 and A/C.6/59/L.6) . . . . . [159]

Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Draft reports
2. Comprehensive report on staffing for field missions, including the use of 300 and 100 series appointments

Fifth Committee
Briefing

There will be a briefing by the Office of Central Support Services for Fifth Committee members *today*, 5 October 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The briefing will cover interagency activities in the fields of procurement, travel, facilities management and United Nations archives.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 50 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 50 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will continue *today*, 5 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A, and from 3 to 6 p.m. Conference Room D.

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informals"

There will be informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Félix Mbayu (Cameroon), on international cooperation in tax matters (item 13 (h)), *today*, 5 October 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

There will be informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium) on the report of the Committee on Development Policy on its sixth session (item 13 (a)) and on the report of the Secretary-General on a smooth transition strategy of countries graduating from least developed countries status, *today*, 5 October 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 5 October 2004

Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(tax matters)*

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Group of 77 *(organization of work of the General Assembly)*

3–4.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(Third Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) – Core group on small island developing States)*

4.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Arab Group *(question of Palestine) (at the ambassadorial level)*

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal meeting on the First Committee draft resolution entitled "Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Meeting of co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on nuclear disarmament (organized by the Permanent Mission of Myanmar)

3.30–4.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal consultations on agenda item 65 (u) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapon and on Their Destruction) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland)

4–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN)

There will be a meeting of the delegations of the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN), to discuss the draft text of the ASEAN joint statement on disarmament issues, *today*, 5 October 2004, from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Briefing by the Chairman of the thirteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

There will be a briefing by H.E. Mr. John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on preparations for the thirteenth session (policy session) and its intergovernmental preparatory meeting. The briefing will be held *today*, 5 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Briefing on commercial law reform and private sector development (organized by the United States Mission, in cooperation with the Financing for Development Office, DESA)

There will be a briefing on commercial law reform and private sector development, organized by the United States Mission, in cooperation with the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 5 October 2004, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Mr. William Loris, Director-General of the International Development Law Organization, will make a presentation on "Commercial law reform – Building ownership and effectiveness as a condition for investment". Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Office (Mr. Hazem Fahmy (tel. 1 (212) 963-5900; e-mail fahmyh@un.org)).

Informal briefing on reports submitted to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly under agenda items 89 (b), 98 and 99

There will be an informal briefing on reports submitted to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly under agenda items 89 (b) (Women in development), 98 (Advancement of women) and 99 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"). The briefing, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women and by the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place *today*, 5 October 2004, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal exchanges of views on First Committee issues (organized by the delegation of the United States)

Delegates representing Governments of the regional groups are invited to exchanges of views on First Committee issues, organized by the delegation of the United States, to be held on the dates indicated below, promptly from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The meetings will be closed and conducted in English.

Asian Group: *today*, 5 October

Latin American and Caribbean Group: Wednesday, 6 October
Eastern European Group: Thursday, 7 October
Western European and Other States Group: Friday, 8 October

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 5 October 2004

Room S-226

11.15 a.m. . . . . Ms. Lisa Speer, Senior Policy Analyst, National Resources Defense Council; and Mr. Mike Hirschfield, Senior Scientist, Oceana Foundation (on behalf of the Deep Sea Conservation Coalition) (on the Coalition's call on the General Assembly to adopt a moratorium on high seas bottom trawling) (sponsored by the Unitd Nations Environment Programme)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

1.15 p.m. . . . . Mr. Bertrand Delanoë, Mayor of Paris (on the importance of local governments in global governance and the need to involve them in the work of the United Nations)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Main Committees

Second Committee *List of speakers*

The list of speakers for the general debate, and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee, is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, convened by the Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, Ms. Rachel Groux (Switzerland), on a supplement to the Standard Rules on Equal Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open (A/C.3/59/L.1/Rev.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Third Committee secretariat (Ms. Vivian Bonano (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are also requested to submit the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 3rd meeting on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 3rd meeting in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 281st meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal consultations of all subscribing and interested States of the Hague Code of Conduct against the Proliferation of Ballistic Missiles (HCOC) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

Informal consultations of all subscribing and interested States of the Hague Code of Conduct against the Proliferation of Ballistic Missiles (HCOC), organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile, will be held on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

FAO panel discussions on Small Island Developing States

There will be two panel discussions on Small Island Developing States, organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, as follows: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (expert panel on sugar, fisheries and bananas); and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (ministerial dialogue). Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the FAO Liaison Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-6036 or 963-0989).

Group of 77 *(core group on the follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)*

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 *(core group on the follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)*, on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)* on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Meeting of co-sponsors of resolution 58/127 on assistance in mine action to discuss this year's resolution (under agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in its capacity of the presidency of the European Union)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of resolution 58/127 on the Fourth Committee draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 22 entitled "Assistance in mine action", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in its capacity of the presidency of the European Union, on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room B. Drafts of the resolution will be sent to co-sponsors' missions via fax. For an electronic copy of the text or any further questions, please contact Mr. Dirk-Jan Nieuwenhuis (e-mail dj.nieuwenhuis@minbuza.nl).

Briefing on the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS))

There will be a briefing on the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 47 (Sport for peace and development: International Year of Sport and Physical Education) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 47 (Sport for peace and development: International Year of Sport and Physical Education), organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia, will be held on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

African Group *(Third Committee experts)*

There will be a meeting of the African Group *(Third Committee experts)* on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

African Group *(Second Committee experts)*

There will be a meeting of the African Group *(Second Committee experts)* on Friday, 8 October 2004, from 2 to 3 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Informal consultations on the Mauritius International Meeting (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

There will be informal consultations, organized by H.E. Mr. Don MacKay, Permanent Representative of New Zealand, on remaining pending issues in relation to the outcome document of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. The informal consultations will take place on 7, 8 and 11 October 2004 in Conference Room 2. Members of Permanent Missions are invited to attend.

Informal briefing on agenda item 38 on Africa and related events at the fifth-ninth session of the General Assembly (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa)

There will be an informal briefing on agenda item 38 on Africa and related events at the fifth-ninth session of the General Assembly, organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Mieko Ikegame (tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; e-mail ikegame@un.org).

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" on Friday, 8 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

UNITAR/DOALOS briefing on developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly conducting a briefing on developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea. The briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 12 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday and Thursday, 13 and 14 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the Permanent Missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 6 October. For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196) or DOALOS (tel. 1 (212) 963-1894).

Round table discussion on "Promoting the domestic private sector in Africa" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))

There will be a round table discussion on "Promoting the domestic private sector in Africa", organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), on Monday, 18 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Ejeviome Otobo, Chief, Policy Analysis and Monitoring Unit, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-5006; fax 1 (212) 963-3892; e-mail otobo1@un.org).

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology.

Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held until Friday, 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

Second Committee

A Note on the World Economic Outlook as of September 2004, as a background document for the general debate of the Second Committee of the General Assembly, is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/documents/ac2.htm.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Monday, 4 October 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

Report of the Secretary-General in response to the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations (A/59/354)

The report of the Secretary-General in response to the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations (A/59/354), chaired by Mr. Fernando Henrique Cardoso, former president of Brazil, is available on the Official Document System of the United Nations (ODS) and at the following address: www.un.org/reform.

Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Background information on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (pertaining to item 89 (e) of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/policy.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that as per General Assembly resolution 58/213B (A/RES/58/213B), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. If necessary, it was also decided that two days of informal consultations be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate preparations for the Meeting.

Summary of meetings

Monday, 4 October 2004

Security Council

5049th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Letter dated 4 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/779)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Cuba, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, South Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Turkey, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 12 September 2003 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2004/780), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 4 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations (S/2004/781), the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States, His Excellency Mr. Yahya Mahmassani.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 15 September 2003 from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, His Excellency Mr. Ravan A.G. Farhâdi.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Israel made a statement.

The representatives of Algeria, Spain, Romania, Chile, Brazil, Germany, the Russian Federation, the Philippines, Benin, Angola, Pakistan, China, France and the United States and, by President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom, made statements.

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Jordan, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential

candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Egypt, Japan and South Africa.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by His Excellency Mr. Yahya Mahmassani.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by His Excellency Mr. Ravan A.G. Farhâdi.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Turkey.

The President announced that a provisional draft resolution (S/2004/783) submitted by Algeria and Tunisia was being circulated.

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

18th plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-nine regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items [8]

(a) Second report of the General Committee (A/59/250/Add.1)

(b) Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/59/351/Add.1)

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session, an additional sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the community of Portuguese-speaking countries" as a sub-item of agenda item 56 (Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations) under Heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters) and decided to consider the sub-item directly in plenary meeting.

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Economic Community of West African States in the General Assembly" under Heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters) and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to also allocate agenda item 109 (Program Planning) to the Third Committee, with respect to programme 19 (Human rights) of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007.

The General Assembly was informed that the General Committee took note of the clarification that, in implementing resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004 to consider item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council) in its entirety in plenary, the relevant parts of Chapter I of the report that are under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committees concerned for final action by the General Assembly.

The General Assembly decided to authorize the subsidiary organ of the General Assembly listed in the letter of the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/59/351/Add.1), namely, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, to meet during the main part of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [52]; *Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/59/354)* [54]: *join debate*

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement, in the course of which she introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Iceland, Norway, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey), Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Algeria (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) and Brazil (on behalf of the Rio Group), as well as by H.E. Mr. Reaz Rahman, Minister of State of Bangladesh, and the representatives of Namibia, South Africa, Egypt, Monaco, Pakistan, China, Japan, the United Sates, the Philippines, Viet Nam and Switzerland.

19th plenary meeting

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [52]; *Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/59/354)* [54]: *joint debate*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 52 and 54.

Statements were made by the representatives of Liechtenstein, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, Kenya, Belarus, Jamaica, Malaysia, Uganda, Singapore, Cuba, San Marino, India, Zimbabwe, Ukraine, Ecuador, Cameroon, Colombia, Israel, Morocco and Indonesia.

Main Committees

First Committee

2nd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items. Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, New Zealand, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil (on behalf of the Rio Group), Norway, South Africa, Sweden (on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition), Australia, Peru, Indonesia, Canada and Japan.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

2nd meeting

Agenda items 20, and 79 to 82

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Decolonization introduced the report of the Special Committee (A/59/23).

The Chairman of the Special Committee on Decolonization made a statement on the work of the Committee.

The Committee began its general debate on decolonization items with statements from the representatives of Brazil (on behalf of the Rio Group), Paraguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Cuba, Venezuela, New Zealand, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Namibia and Viet Nam.

Organization of work

The Chairman reminded the Committee of the deadline for submitting draft proposals relating to the decolonization items.

Second Committee

2nd meeting

General debate

The Chairman made an opening statement.

The Committee began its general debate and heard an introductory statement by the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

"Question time"

The Chairman drew to the attention of the Committee that in accordance with General Assembly resolution 58/316, the practice of "question time" had been introduced in the Main Committees to enable an exchange of view with the heads of departments. During this period questions were posed and comments were made by the representatives of Italy, the Netherlands, Nigeria, the Sudan, Cameroon, Bolivia, Kuwait, the Dominican Republic and Burkina Faso.

The representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) also made a comment.

The Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs responded to questions and comments.

General debate (statements)

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the .representatives of: Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union, the candidate countries (Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey), the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates (Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro), and the EFTA country (Iceland)), China, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Peru, Viet Nam, the United Republic of Tanzania, Lebanon and Nigeria (on behalf of the African States).

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

3rd meeting

General debate (continued)

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of San Marino, Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Burkina Faso, Bangladesh, the United States, Samoa (on behalf of the Pacific Island Forum Group), Egypt and Colombia.

Statements were made by the representatives of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Third Committee

1st meeting

The Chairman made an opening statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the relevant recommendations contained in document A/59/250, as well as the proposed organization of work (A/C.3/59/L.1/Rev.1) and the status of documentation before the Committee (A/C.3/59/L.1/Add.1).

The Secretary informed the Committee that, in addition to the items already allocated to the Third Committee, the General Assembly had also allocated the following item: Programme planning (programme 19 (Human rights), of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007), under agenda item 109.

The relevant parts of chapter I of the report of the Economic and Social Council, under agenda item 12, were also to be considered in the Third Committee for final action by the General Assembly.

The Committee then approved its programme of work for the session, as contained in document A/C.3/59/L.1/Rev.1, together with the provisions contained therein.

List of speakers

Delegations were informed that the list of speakers on all items had been opened on 21 September and that they should inscribe at the earliest possible date with the secretariat.

Invitations to Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives and Independent Experts

The Committee decided to extend invitations to a number of Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives and Independent Experts, as read out by the Secretary, to present their reports to the Committee at the present session.

Following statements by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba and Egypt, as well as by the Secretary and the Chairman, the Committee agreed to revert in due course to the question of extending invitations to additional Special Rapporteurs and Independent Experts.

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [93]

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [94]

(a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

(b) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing . . . . . [95]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard introductory statements by the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development and the representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York Office of UNESCO.

A "question time" ensued with the delegations of Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Sri Lanka and the Netherlands.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development and the representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York Office of UNESCO responded to questions posed.

Statements were made by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union, and Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Romania, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro and Turkey), China, Brazil (on behalf of the Rio Group) and Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Caribbean Community).

2nd meeting

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the cluster of items (agenda items 93, 94 and 95).

A "question time" ensued with the delegations of the Dominican Republic, the Netherlands, Cuba and Sri Lanka.

The Under-Secretary-General responded to questions posed.

A presentation was made by the Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit.

The representative of Senegal posed a question, to which the Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit responded.

The Committee resumed its general discussion and heard statements by the representatives of Ghana, Switzerland, Denmark, Pakistan, Norway, Côte d'Ivoire and Saudi Arabia.

The representative of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies also made a statement.

Fifth Committee

2nd meeting

Organization of work

Following a request by the Fifth Committee at its first meeting held on Thursday, 30 September 2004, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management, the Controller, the Officer-in-charge of the Capital Master Plan, the Director of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, the Director of the Internal Audit Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Assistant Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management provided clarifications on the reasons pertaining to the late submission/issuance or non-availability of documentation.

Statements concerning the status of documentation were made by the representatives of Cuba, India, Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Suriname, Nigeria, Trinidad and Tobago and Canada.

The Committee had before it a proposed programme of work by the Bureau for the period 4-15 October 2004.

Following a statement by the representative of Brazil (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Committee approved the proposed programme of work.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [113]

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 1 July 2004 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/58/40).

Statements were made by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), Georgia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Cuba, Pakistan, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Argentina, Uruguay, Yemen, Morocco, India, Romania, Japan and Venezuela.

Following a proposal by the representative of Uruguay, the Chairman informed the Committee that the secretariat would prepare a draft resolution on the subject for consideration by the Committee at its formal meeting to be held on Thursday, 7 October 2004, in the morning.

Sixth Committee

1st meeting

The Chairman made a Statement.

Organization of work

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/81, the Committee established a working group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism and elected Ambassador Rohan Perera (Sri Lanka) as Chairman of the Working Group.

The Committee, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/82, also established a working group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Scope of Legal Protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel and elected Ambassador Christian Wenaweser (Lichtenstein) as Chairman of the Working Group.

The Committee adopted its programme of work as contained in document A/C.6/59/L.1.

The Legal Counsel made a statement.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-seventh session [143]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 143.

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law introduced the report of UNCITRAL on its thirty-seventh session.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, China, Canada, Australia, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Morocco, Japan, India and Guatemala.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. Vienna, 20 December 1988

Accession: Lao People's Democratic Republic (1 October 2004)[1]

International Convention on Arrest of Ships, 1999. Geneva, 12 March 1999

Accession: Albania (4 October 2004)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Albania (4 October 2004)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Acceptance: Tuvalu (4 October 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

DPI lecture on the topic "Human rights: The world's most dangerous idea?"

There will be a lecture, organized by the Department of Public Information, on the topic "Human rights: The world's most dangerous idea?", *today*, 5 October 2004, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Ms. Irene Khan, Secretary General of Amnesty International, will make a presentation. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

International Forum for Social Development (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

The fourth meeting of the International Forum for Social Development on "Equity, inequalities and interdependence", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held in an informal open debate on Wednesday, 6 October 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The debate will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo, Chairman of the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development. The moderator will be Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Background information is available in room DC2-1360, or at the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/IFSD/4thmeeting.htm. For further information, please contact the Division for Social Policy and Development (tel. 1 (917) 367-5740 or 1 (212) 963-4596).

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the first DPI/NGO briefing will be "Advancing health for older persons: Regional perspectives". The workshop will be held on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Susanne Tinkl, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7949; e-mail tinkl@un.org).

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Sixth Committee

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1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Justice and the rule of law: the United Nations Role

   Report of the Secretary-General on the rule of law and transitional justice in conflict and post-conflict societies (S/2004/616)

General Assembly
Fifty-ninth session

Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (agenda item 45)

Inscriptions by Member States wishing to participate in the plenary meeting

All delegations wishing to participate in the plenary meeting, to be held on Thursday, 14 October 2004, are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers of the General Assembly Affairs Branch, also indicating the name and title of the speaker (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

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General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Agenda items 20, 79, 80, 81 and 82

   General debate on all decolonization items: *item 20* (A/59/23, A/59/134 and A/C.4/59/4); *item 79* (A/59/23, chapters VII and XII, and A/59/71); *item 80* (A/59/23, chapters V and XII); *item 81* (A/59/23, chapters VI and VII, and A/59/64); and *item 82* (A/59/74)

2. Hearing of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territory

3. Hearing of petitioners (A/C.4/59/2, A/C.4/59/3 and Add.1-21)

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 6th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

General debate *(conclusion)*

Mongolia

United Arab Emirates

Cuba

Fiji

Kazakhstan

Ecuador

International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)

Syrian Arab Republic

Tunisia

Brazil (on behalf of the Rio Group)

Malaysia

Jamaica

Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries)

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Uganda

Cambodia

Costa Rica

Haiti

Senegal

Ethiopia

Kuwait

Republic of Congo

Paraguay

Cameroon

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (A/59/120 and A/59/115) . [93]

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (A/59/73) . . . . . [94]

   (a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (A/59/176 and A/C.3/59/L.2)

   (b) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all (A/59/267)

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/59/164) . . . . . [95]

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Joint Inspection Unit (A/59/34, A/59/75, A/59/349 and A/C.5/59/CRP.1) . . . . . [115]

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 115 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/59/34, A/59/75, A/59/349, A/58/343, A/58/343/Add.1, A/58/343/Add.2, A/C.5/59/CRP.1 and A/C.5/59/CRP.2))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 3rd meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

Working Group on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Human resources management

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . 281st meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Third Committee
Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, convened by the Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, Ms. Rachel Groux (Switzerland), on a supplement to the Standard Rules on Equal Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, *today*, 6 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 6 October 2004

Informal consultations of all subscribing and interested States of the Hague Code of Conduct against the Proliferation of Ballistic Missiles (HCOC) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

JUSCANZ Group *(Third Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

JUSCANZ Group *(Second Committee experts)*

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 *(core group on the follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Group of 77 *(core group on the eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(small island developing States)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Briefing on the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS))

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

African Group *(Third Committee experts)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 47 (Sport for peace and development: International Year of Sport and Physical Education) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

OIC Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

FAO panel discussions on Small Island Developing States

There will be two panel discussions on Small Island Developing States, organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), *today*, 6 October 2004, as follows: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (expert panel on sugar, fisheries and bananas); and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (ministerial dialogue). Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the FAO Liaison Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-6036 or 963-0989).

Meeting of co-sponsors of resolution 58/127 on assistance in mine action to discuss this year's resolution (under agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in its capacity of the presidency of the European Union)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of resolution 58/127 on the Fourth Committee draft resolution to be submitted under agenda item 22 entitled "Assistance in mine action", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in its capacity of the presidency of the European Union, *today*, 6 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room B. Drafts of the resolution will be sent to co-sponsors' missions via fax. For an electronic copy of the text or any further questions, please contact Mr. Dirk-Jan Nieuwenhuis (e-mail dj.nieuwenhuis@minbuza.nl).

Informal exchanges of views on First Committee issues (organized by the delegation of the United States)

Delegates representing Governments of the regional groups are invited to exchanges of views on First Committee issues, organized by the delegation of the United States, to be held on the dates indicated below, promptly from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The meetings are closed and conducted in English.

Latin American and Caribbean Group: *today*, 6 October 2004;

Eastern European Group: Thursday, 7 October; and
Western European and Other States Group: Friday, 8 October.

International Forum for Social Development (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

The fourth meeting of the International Forum for Social Development on "Equity, inequalities and interdependence", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held in an informal open debate *today*, 6 October 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The debate will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo, Chairman of the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development. The moderator will be Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Background information is available in room DC2-1360, or at the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/IFSD/4thmeeting.htm. For further information, please contact the Division for Social Policy and Development (tel. 1 (917) 367-5740 or 1 (212) 963-4596).

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 6 October 2004

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 7 October 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. 21st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/59/1) [10]

Main Committees

Second Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate, and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee, is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

Informal consultation

There will be an informal consultation, convened by the Vice-Chair of the Third Committee, to negotiate the Chairman's text relating to the issue of revitalization of the work of the Committee, on Wednesday, 13 October 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C. Delegations are invited to send inputs to the Vice-Chair of the Asian Group by Friday, 8 October 2004, for compilation into an initial text for consideration on Wednesday, 13 October 2004.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open (A/C.3/59/L.1/Rev.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Third Committee secretariat (Ms. Vivian Bonano (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are also requested to submit the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 4th meeting on Thursday, 7 October 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 4th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal consultations on a proposed draft resolution entitled "Prevention of the illicit transfer and unauthorized access to and use of Man-Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS)" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Australia and Turkey)

Informal consultations on a proposed draft resolution entitled "Prevention of the illicit transfer and unauthorized access to and use of Man-Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS)", organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Australia and Turkey, will be held on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Asian Group *(revitalization of the work of the Third Committee)*

There will be a meeting of the Asian Group *(revitalization of the work of the Third Committee)* on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 10 am. to 1 p.m. Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cuba)

There will be informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People", organized by the Permanent Mission of Cuba, as follows:

Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8;

Tuesday, 12 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 14 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal briefing on agenda item 38 on Africa and related events at the fifth-ninth session of the General Assembly (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa)

There will be an informal briefing on agenda item 38 on Africa and related events at the fifth-ninth session of the General Assembly, organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Mieko Ikegame (tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; e-mail ikegame@un.org).

Informal consultations on agenda item 65 (u) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapon and on Their Destruction) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland)

Informal consultations on agenda item 65 (u) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapon and on Their Destruction, organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland, will be held on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 2.45 to 3.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Group of 77 *(Third Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Third Committee matters)* on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing capacity-building in public health" (under agenda item 55) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China)

There will be informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing capacity-building in public health" (under agenda item 55), organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the First Committee draft resolution on small arms (organized by the Permanent Missions of Colombia (coordinator), Japan and South Africa (main sponsors))

There will be informal consultations on the First Committee draft resolution on small arms, organized by the Permanent Missions of Colombia (coordinator), Japan and South Africa (main sponsors), on Thursday, 7 October 2004, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the Mauritius International Meeting (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

There will be informal consultations, organized by H.E. Mr. Don MacKay, Permanent Representative of New Zealand, on remaining pending issues in relation to the outcome document of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. The informal consultations will take place on 7, 8 and 11 October 2004 in Conference Room 2. Members of Permanent Missions are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Friday, 8 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

African Group *(Second Committee experts)*

There will be a meeting of the African Group *(Second Committee experts)* on Friday, 8 October 2004, from 2 to 3 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Informal consultations on international cooperation against the world drug problem (agenda item 97) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

There will be informal consultations on international cooperation against the world drug problem (agenda item 97), organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico, on Monday, 11 October 2004, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

UNITAR/DOALOS briefing on developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly conducting a briefing on developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea. The briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 12 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday and Thursday, 13 and 14 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the Permanent Missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 6 October. For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196) or DOALOS (tel. 1 (212) 963-1894).

Round table discussion to introduce the Millennium Project draft report entitled "A global plan to achieve the Millennium Development Goals"

There will be a round table discussion to introduce the Millennium Project draft report entitled "A global plan to achieve the Millennium Development Goals", co-sponsored by the World Federation of United Nations Associations and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Tuesday, 12 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The draft report can be downloaded from the Web site of the Millennium Project (www.unmillenniumproject.org). Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Round table discussion on "Promoting the domestic private sector in Africa" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))

There will be a round table discussion on "Promoting the domestic private sector in Africa", organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), on Monday, 18 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Ejeviome Otobo, Chief, Policy Analysis and Monitoring Unit, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-5006; fax 1 (212) 963-3892; e-mail otobo1@un.org).

Panel discussion on "Assessing the role of civil society in the prevention of armed conflict in Africa" (co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict)

There will be a panel discussion on "Assessing the role of civil society in the prevention of armed conflict in Africa", co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, on Tuesday, 19 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of international and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact, Ms. Ruth Bamela Engo (tel. 1 (212) 963-4780; e-mail engo@un.org) or Ms. Mieko Ikegame (tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; e-mail ikegame@un.org).

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology.

Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held until Friday, 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

Second Committee

A Note on the World Economic Outlook as of September 2004, as a background document for the general debate of the Second Committee of the General Assembly, is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/documents/ac2.htm.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Monday, 4 October 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

2004 Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World

Delegations are kindly informed that the list of speakers at the high-level segment on Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 December 2004, at the First Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction is now open.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Executive Secretariat at the Geneva Branch of the Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. +41 (0) 22-917-5281 or 22-917-2281).

Delegations are kindly asked to indicate the level of the representative as well as the preferred time-block for delivering their statement (i.e. 2 December, morning session, 2 December, afternoon session, or 3 December, morning session). Delegations are reminded that the allotted time for statements is 5 minutes.

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

Report of the Secretary-General in response to the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations (A/59/354)

The report of the Secretary-General in response to the report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations (A/59/354), chaired by Mr. Fernando Henrique Cardoso, former president of Brazil, is available on the Official Document System of the United Nations (ODS) and at the following address: www.un.org/reform.

Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Background information on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (pertaining to item 89 (e) of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/policy.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that as per General Assembly resolution 58/213B (A/RES/58/213B), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. If necessary, it was also decided that two days of informal consultations be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate preparations for the Meeting.

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 5 October 2004

Security Council

5050th meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan pursuant to paragraph 7 of Security Council resolution 1547 (2004) (S/2004/763)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jan Pronk, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and head of the peace support operation.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Pronk.

5051st meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Letter dated 4 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/779)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the decision taken at the 5049th meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Israel to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the decision taken at the 5049th meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to participate in the discussion, in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard.

Before the vote, the representative of the United States made a statement.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2004/783), submitted by Algeria, Pakistan and Tunisia.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2004/783) received 11 votes in favour, one against (United States of America), and 3 abstentions (Germany, Romania and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), and was not adopted, owing to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Council.

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Brazil, France, Pakistan, the Philippines, Chile, the Russian Federation, Romania, Spain, China and Germany, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Israel made a statement.

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 5049th meeting of the Security Council (see *Journal* No. 2004/192, p. 14): the date of the letters in the third and fifth paragraphs should read *4 October 2004*.

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

20th plenary meeting

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [52]; *Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/59/354)* [54]: *joint debate*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 52 and 54.

Statements were made by the representatives of Eritrea, Nepal, Venezuela, Mongolia, Nigeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, Maldives, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Thailand.

The observer of the Observer State of the Holy See made a statement.

The observer for the Inter-Parliamentary Union made a statement.

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly has concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 52 and 54.

Main Committees

First Committee

3rd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on disarmament and international security agenda items. Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, China, Argentina, the Russian Federation, Turkey, Belarus, Eritrea, the United Arab Emirates, Switzerland and Guatemala.

The Secretary of the Fifth Committee made a statement.

A representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Division of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts (OPPBA) made a statement.

Statements were also made by representatives of Pakistan and Sierra Leone.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3rd meeting

Agenda items 20, and 79 to 82

The Committee continued its general debate with statements from the representatives of the United Kingdom, Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Algeria, Egypt, Mauritius, Malaysia, Indonesia, Nigeria, South Africa, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and Mozambique.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Committee decided to hear the petitioners on the questions of Gibraltar and Western Sahara (A/C.4/59/2, A/C.4/59/3, Add.1-16 and Add.18-21). The Committee also agrees with the replacement of the petitioner contained in document A/C.4/59/3/Add.17.

The Chairman reminded delegations that the deadline for the submission of draft proposal under decolonization items was set for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 6 October.

Second Committee

4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of India, Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)), Saudi Arabia, Myanmar, Algeria and Singapore.

5th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Kenya, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Japan, Namibia, Ukraine, Belarus, Ghana, Lesotho, Tajikistan, the Philippines, Malawi, Eritrea, Thailand, Nepal and Venezuela.

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made a statement.

The observers for the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the African Union made statements.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Third Committee

3rd meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly . . . . . [93]

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [94]

(a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

(b) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing . . . . . [95]

The Committee continued its general discussion on the cluster of items and heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Australia, the United States, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Algeria, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, the Russian Federation, Bangladesh, India, the Sudan, Finland, Mexico and Mongolia.

A statement was also made by the representative of the World Bank.

4th meeting

The Committee continued its general discussion on the cluster of items (items 93, 94 and 95) and heard statements by the representatives of Nigeria, Qatar, Morocco, Egypt, Venezuela, Ukraine, Jordan, Azerbaijan, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Suriname and Eritrea.

The observer for the Holy See also made a statement.

Sixth Committee

2nd meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-seventh session . . . . . [143]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 143.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Singapore, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden)), Spain, Nigeria, Indonesia, Kenya, Gabon, Sri Lanka, South Africa, the Russian Federation, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Venezuela and Thailand.

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at its thirty-seventh session made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its discussion on the agenda item.

Observer status for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly [151]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 151.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation and Kazakhstan.

The representative of China introduced draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.3.

Observer status for the Southern African Development Community in the General Assembly . . . . . [152]

The Committee started its consideration of agenda item 152.

Statements were made by the representatives of Botswana and Zimbabwe.

The representative of Botswana introduced draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.5.

Observer status for the Collective Security Treaty Organization in the General Assembly [157]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 157.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and the Russian Federation.

The representative of Kazakhstan introduced draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.4.

Observer status for the Economic Community of West African States in the General Assembly . . . . . [159]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 159.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ghana and Nigeria. The representative of Ghana introduced draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.6.

It was announced that Benin, Côte d'Ivoire and the United Kingdom had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 20 May 1965

Acceptance: Botswana (4 October 2004)[1]

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 18 May 1978

Acceptance: Botswana (4 October 2004)[1]

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Botswana (4 October 2004)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Botswana (4 October 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the first DPI/NGO briefing will be "Advancing health for older persons: Regional perspectives". The workshop will be held on Thursday, 7 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Susanne Tinkl, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7949; e-mail tinkl@un.org).

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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Symbol	*Main title*
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	Fifty-eighth session
A/58/PV.76	Meeting held on 19 December 2003, 3 p.m. [S]
	Sixth Committee
A/C.6/58/SR.21	Meeting held on 4 November 2003, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

General Assembly	Documents
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A/59/129/Add.1	Item 65 (o) — General and complete disarmament: observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/59/132/Add.2/Corr.1	Item 65 (k) — General and complete disarmament: improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the First Committee — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/59/265	Item 110 of the provisional agenda — Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Information and Communications Technology Strategy — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/59/392-S/2004/775	Item 36 — The situation in the Middle East — Letter dated 29 September 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
A/C.4/59/3/Add.3	Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 15 September 2004 from the Foreign Affairs Adviser, Office of Congressman Trent Franks, United States Congress, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/59/3/Add.4	Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 16 September 2004 from the Secretary of the Federación Estatal de Instituciones Solidarias con el Pueblo Saharaui, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/59/3/Add.5	Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 16 September 2004 from the President, International Association of Jurists for Western Sahara, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/59/3/Add.6	Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 16 September 2004 from a Member, Basque Parliament and the President of the Joint Group "Peace for the Sahrawi People", addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/59/3/Add.7	Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 16 September 2004 from the President of the Liga Pro Derechos Humanos, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/59/3/Add.8 Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 17 September 2004 from the Defense Forum Foundation, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/59/3/Add.11 Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 19 September 2004 from the Secretary-General, International Platform of Jurists for East Timor, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/59/3/Add.12 Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 20 September 2004 from the US/Western Sahara Foundation Board of Directors, Defense Forum Foundation, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/59/3/Add.13 Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 20 September 2004 from the Director, Saharawi Children's Program — USA, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/59/3/Add.14 Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 22 September 2004 from the representative of the State Coordinating Committee of the Association of Friends of the Saharan People, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/59/3/Add.16 Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 15 September 2004 from the representative, Asociacion de Periodistas Especializados en Musica, Ocio y Cultura, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/59/3/Add.17 Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 27 September 2004 from the representative of Oxfam Solidarity and the European Coordination of Support for the Sahrawi People, Belgium, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/59/3/Add.18 Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 28 September 2004 from the Association des Amis de la Republique Arabe Sahraouie (AARASD), addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/59/3/Add.19 Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 28 September 2004 from the President/CEO of We International, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/C.4/59/3/Add.20	Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 29 September 2004 from the Chairwoman, Netherlands Foundation for Self-Determination in Western Sahara, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/59/3/Add.21	Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Question of Western Sahara — Request for hearing — Letter dated 29 September 2004 from the Comité Mediterranée, addressed to the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/59/L.2	Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Draft decision: Papua New Guinea — Increase in the membership of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/59/L.3	Item 20 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — 7-Power draft resolution — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [A C E F R S]

Sixth Committee

A/C.6/59/1/Add.1	Allocation of agenda items to the Sixth Committee — Letter dated 4 October 2004 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]

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S/2004/767	Letter dated 27 September 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2004/771	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Bougainville (Papua New Guinea) [A C E F R S]
A/59/392-S/2004/775	Letter dated 29 September 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2004/779	Letter dated 4 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2004/780	Letter dated 4 October 2004 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2004/781	Letter dated 4 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5049	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

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ST/LEG/SER.A/690	Statement of Treaties and International Agreements —Registered or filed and recorded with the Secretariat during the month of August 2004 [E F (bilingual)]
ST/IC/2004/42/Corr.1	Information circular — 2005 national competitive recruitment examinations [E F (only)]

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Security Council

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	Liberia (sanctions review)	
	Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts[1]	
	Other matters	
3 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	The situation in the Middle East	
	Other matters	

[1] With a view to a possible subsequent vote.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

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General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m.	21st plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
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	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/59/1)	[10]

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General Assembly
Fifty-ninth session

Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (agenda item 45)

Inscriptions by Member States wishing to participate in the plenary meeting

All delegations wishing to participate in the plenary meeting, to be held on Thursday, 14 October 2004, are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers of the General Assembly Affairs Branch, also indicating the name and title of the speaker (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

For other information, please contact Mr. Kwabena Osei-Danquah (room DN-2317; tel. 1 (212) 297-5033; e-mail danquah@unfpa.org).

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items (items 57 to 72): *item 57* (A/59/192); *item 58*; *item 59*, *item 60* (A/59/116 and A/59/116/Add.1); *item 61*; *item 62* (A/59/165 (Part I) and A/59/165 (Part I)/Corr.1); *item 63*; *item 64*; *item 65* (A/59/117, A/59/117/Add.1, A/59/118, A/59/119, A/59/127, A/59/127/Add.1, A/59/127/Corr.1, A/59/128, A/59/128/Add.1, A/59/129, A/59/132, A/59/132/Add.1, A/59/132/Add.2, A/59/136, A/59/137, A/59/137/Add.1, A/59/156, A/59/156/Add.1, A/59/178, A/59/178/Add.1, A/59/179, A/59/181, A/59/193, A/59/278, A/59/278/Corr.1 and A/C.1/59/L.1); *item 66* (A/59/157, A/59/169, A/59/171, A/59/177, A/59/182 and A/59/209); *item 67* (A/59/42 (Suppl. 42) and A/59/168); *item 68* (A/59/165 (Part II)); *item 69*; *item 70* (A/59/130 and A/59/130/Add.1); *item 71*; and *item 72*

Other documents (A/C.1/59/1, A/C.1/59/2 and A/C.1/59/INF.1)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Agenda items 20, 79, 80, 81 and 82

   General debate on all decolonization items: *item 20* (A/59/23, A/59/134 and A/C.4/59/4); *item 79* (A/59/23, chapters VII and XII, and A/59/71); *item 80* (A/59/23, chapters V and XII); *item 81* (A/59/23, chapters VI and VII, and A/59/64); and *item 82* (A/59/74)

2. Hearing of petitioners (A/C.4/59/3/Add.9, A/C.4/59/3/Add.12, A/C.4/59/3/Add.4, A/C.4/59/3/Add.5, A/C.4/59/3/Add.6, A/C.4/59/3/Add.7, A/C.4/59/3/Add.10, A/C.4/59/3/Add.14, A/C.4/59/3/Add.16, A/C.4/59/3/Add.17, A/C.4/59/3/Add.18, A/C.4/59/3/Add.20, A/C.4/59/3/Add.21 and A/C.4/59/3/Add.19)

Fifth Committee

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Introduction and general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (A/59/288 and A/59/390) [155]

Introduction and general discussion

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3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 129 (Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor (A/58/636, A/59/290 and A/59/384)); and 155 (Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (A/59/288 and A/59/390))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 4th meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 3rd meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (A/59/33, A/59/189, A/59/189/Add.1 and A/59/334) [147]

Observer status for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly (A/59/141 and A/C.6/59/L.3) [151]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.3

Observer status for the Southern African Development Community in the General Assembly (A/59/142 and A/C.6/59/L.5) [152]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.5

Observer status for the Collective Security Treaty Organization in the General Assembly (A/59/195, A/59/195/Corr.1 and A/C.6/59/L.4) [157]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.4

Observer status for the Economic Community of West African States in the General Assembly (A/59/232 and A/C.6/59/L.6) [159]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.6

3–6 p.m.	4th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
	Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (A/59/33, A/59/189 and A/59/334) [147]	

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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Other meetings

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Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group on the Draft Group 77 Strategy Document

8.30–10 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room A

Informal consultations on a proposed draft resolution entitled "Prevention of the illicit transfer and unauthorized access to and use of Man-Portable Air Defence Systems (MANPADS)" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Australia and Turkey)

9–10 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 4

2004 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament

9 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room E
2–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Asian Group *(revitalization of the work of the Third Committee)*

10–1 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room A

Meeting of co-sponsors on a draft proposal on human rights and terrorism (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room D

African Group *(experts of the Third Committee)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting ..... Conference Room A

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament

1.30–4.30 p.m. Closed meeting ..... Conference Room D

Informal consultations on agenda item 65 (u) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapon and on Their Destruction) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland)

2.45–3.45 p.m. Closed meeting ..... Conference Room B

Informal consultations of co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nepal)

2.45–3.45 p.m. Closed meeting ..... Conference Room 3

Group of 77 *(briefing on the draft resolution on social dimension of globalization)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting ..... Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(Third Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting ..... Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing capacity-building in public health" (under agenda item 55) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting ..... Conference Room A

Informal consultations on a First Committee draft resolution on small arms (organized by the Permanent Missions of Colombia (coordinator), Japan and South Africa (main sponsors))

3.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting ..... Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on a First Committee draft resolution entitled "Verification in all its aspects including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

5–6.30 p.m. Closed meeting ..... Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the Mauritius International Meeting (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

There will be informal consultations, organized by H.E. Mr. Don MacKay, Permanent Representative of New Zealand, on remaining pending issues in relation to the outcome document of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. The informal consultations will take place *today*, 7 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of Permanent Missions are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cuba)

There will be informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution entitled "Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People", organized by the Permanent Mission of Cuba, as follows:

Today, 7 October 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8;

Tuesday, 12 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and
Thursday, 14 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal briefing on agenda item 38 on Africa and related events at the fifth-ninth session of the General Assembly (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa)

There will be an informal briefing on agenda item 38 on Africa and related events at the fifth-ninth session of the General Assembly, organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), *today*, 7 October 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Mieko Ikegame (tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; e-mail ikegame@un.org).

Informal exchanges of views on First Committee issues (organized by the delegation of the United States)

Delegates representing Governments of the regional groups are invited to exchanges of views on First Committee issues, organized by the delegation of the United States, to be held on the dates indicated below, promptly from 1.45 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The meetings are closed and conducted in English.

Eastern European Group: *today*, 7 October 2004; and

Western European and Other States Group: Friday, 8 October.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative, up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Thursday, 7 October 2004

Room S-226

12 noon — Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Main Committees

Second Committee

Panel discussion on "Remittances by emigrants as a source of financing for development"

There will be a panel discussion on "Remittances by emigrants as a source of financing for development", organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 13 October 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Marco Balarezo (Peru), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Dr. Andrés Solimano, Regional Advisor, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; Mr. Dilip K. Ratha, Senior Economist, DEC-Development Prospects Group, World Bank; Mr. Nikos Passas, Professor of Criminal Justice, Northeastern University, Boston (United States); Dr. Marco Zupi, Deputy Director, Centre for International Policy Studies, Rome (Italy); and Mr. Andrew Berg, Chief, Development Issues Division, Policy Development and Review Department, International Monetary Fund.

Members of Permanent Missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-7633).

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate, and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee, is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

Informal consultation

There will be an informal consultation, convened by the Vice-Chair of the Third Committee, to negotiate the Chairman's text relating to the issue of revitalization of the work of the Committee, on Wednesday, 13 October 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C. Delegations are invited to send inputs to the Vice-Chair of the Asian Group by Friday, 8 October 2004, for compilation into an initial text for consideration on Wednesday, 13 October 2004.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open (A/C.3/59/L.1/Rev.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Third Committee secretariat (Ms. Vivian Bonano (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are also requested to submit the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 8 October 2004, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold three informal consultations as follows:

Monday, 11 October 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8: on the third global cooperation framework;

Tuesday, 12 October, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8: on the implication of simplification and harmonization of execution modalities; and

Thursday, 14 October, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber: on Capacity 2015.

Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal consultations on the Third Committee draft resolution entitled "Working towards the elimination of crimes against women and girls committed in the name of honour" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Turkey and the United Kingdom)

Informal consultations on the Third Committee draft resolution entitled "Working towards the elimination of crimes against women and girls committed in the name of honour", organized by the Permanent Missions of Turkey and the United Kingdom, will be held on Friday, 8 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room C.

Group of 77 *(core group on macroeconomic policy questions: external debt crisis and development)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(core group macroeconomic policy questions: external debt crisis and development)* on Friday, 8 October 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Group of 77 *(core group on the follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(core group on the follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)* on Friday, 8 October 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Group of 77 *(Third Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Third Committee matters)* on Friday, 8 October 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Friday, 8 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

African Group *(Second Committee experts)*

There will be a meeting of the African Group *(Second Committee experts)* on Friday, 8 October 2004, from 2 to 3 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Mason Group *(First Committee)*

There will be a meeting of the Mason Group *(First Committee)* on Monday, 11 October 2004, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on international cooperation against the world drug problem (agenda item 97) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

There will be informal consultations on international cooperation against the world drug problem (agenda item 97), organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico, on Monday, 11 October 2004, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

UNITAR/DOALOS briefing on developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS) of the Office of Legal Affairs will jointly hold a briefing on developments in ocean affairs and the law of the sea. The briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 12 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday and Thursday, 13 and 14 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.

For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196) or DOALOS (tel. 1 (212) 963-1894).

Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on its World Investment Report 2004 – The Shift Towards Services

There will be a briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on its World Investment Report 2004 – The Shift Towards Services, on Tuesday, 12 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Mr. Karl Sauvant, Director, Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development, UNCTAD, will make the presentation. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Round table to introduce the Millennium Project draft report entitled "A global plan to achieve the Millennium Development Goals"

There will be a round table to introduce the Millennium Project draft report entitled "A global plan to achieve the Millennium Development Goals", co-sponsored by the World Federation of United Nations Associations and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Tuesday, 12 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The draft report can be downloaded from the Web site of the Millennium Project (www.unmillenniumproject.org). Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Round table to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption, by the General Assembly, of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, DESA)

There will be a round table to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption, by the General Assembly, of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 13 October, 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Division for the Advancement of Women (tel. 1 (212) 963-3153).

Round table discussion on "Promoting the domestic private sector in Africa" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))

There will be a round table discussion on "Promoting the domestic private sector in Africa", organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), on Monday, 18 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Ejeviome Otobo, Chief, Policy Analysis and Monitoring Unit, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-5006; fax 1 (212) 963-3892; e-mail otobo1@un.org).

Panel discussion on "Assessing the role of civil society in the prevention of armed conflict in Africa" (co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict)

There will be a panel discussion on "Assessing the role of civil society in the prevention of armed conflict in Africa", co-organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, on Tuesday, 19 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of international and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact, Ms. Ruth Bamela Engo (tel. 1 (212) 963-4780; e-mail engo@un.org) or Ms. Mieko Ikegame (tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; e-mail ikegame@un.org).

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology.

Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held until Friday, 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

Second Committee

A Note on the World Economic Outlook as of September 2004, as a background document for the general debate of the Second Committee of the General Assembly, is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/documents/ac2.htm.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Monday, 4 October 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

2004 Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World

Delegations are kindly informed that the list of speakers at the high-level segment on Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 December 2004, at the First Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction is now open.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Executive Secretariat at the Geneva Branch of the Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. +41 (0) 22-917-5281 or 22-917-2281).

Delegations are kindly asked to indicate the level of the representative as well as the preferred time-block for delivering their statement (i.e. 2 December, morning session, 2 December, afternoon session, or 3 December, morning session). Delegations are reminded that the allotted time for statements is 6 minutes.

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Background information on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (pertaining to item 89 (e) of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/policy.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that as per General Assembly

resolution 58/213B (A/RES/58/213B), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. If necessary, it was also decided that two days of informal consultations be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate preparations for the Meeting.

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 6 October 2004

Security Council

5052nd meeting

Justice and the rule of law: the United Nations role

Report of the Secretary-General on the rule of law and transitional justice in conflict and post-conflict societies (S/2004/616)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council invited the representatives of Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Burundi, Canada, Costa Rica, Fiji, Finland, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Liechtenstein, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and Uganda, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Juan Méndez, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide and Director of the International Centre for Transitional Justice.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 1 October 2004 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2004/793), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The President made an introductory statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Mr. Juan Méndez made a statement.

Statements were made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, His Excellency The Honourable Jose De Venecia, the representatives of the Russian Federation, Germany, Pakistan, Spain, Chile, Brazil, Romania, Algeria, the

United States, Benin, France, China and Angola, and by the President, His Excellency Mr. Bill Rammell, M.P, speaking in his national capacity as the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

Mr. Malloch Brown made a statement.

The Council heard statements made by the representatives of the Netherlands (speaking on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), Australia, Jordan, Finland, Austria, Uganda, Switzerland, South Africa, Liechtenstein and Belarus.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Council heard statements made by the representatives of Sweden, Argentina, Singapore, Burundi, India, the Republic of Korea, Costa Rica, Japan, Peru, Fiji, Sierra Leone, Canada, Mexico, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Nigeria and Indonesia.

The President made brief concluding remarks.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2004/34).

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

4th meeting

Organization of work

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee decided to extend the deadline for submitting all draft proposals on the decolonization items until the following day, Thursday, 7 October, at 6 p.m.

Agenda items 20, 79, 80, 81 and 82

The Committee continued its general debate with statements from the representatives of Gabon, Senegal and Spain.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations . . . . . [81]

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, Mr. Corbin, a representative of the Governor of the United States Virgin Islands, made a statement.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [20]

Question of Gibraltar

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, The Honourable Peter Caruana, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, made a statement.

Hearing of petitioners

Question of Gibraltar

On the basis of a decision taken at the 3rd meeting, the Committee heard a statement by Mr. J. J. Bossano, Leader of the Opposition (A/C.4/59/2).

Question of Western Sahara

On the basis of a decision taken at the 3rd meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Ahmed Boukhari, on behalf of Frente POLISARIO (AC.4/59/3); Ms. Karin Finkler, on behalf of Mr. Joseph R. Pitte, United States Congressman (AC.4/59/3/Add.1); Ms. Melody Divine, Foreign Affairs Adviser, Office of Congressman Trent Franks, United States Congress (AC.4/59/3/Add.3); Ms. Suzanne Scholte, President, Defense Forum Foundation (AC.4/59/3/Add.8); Mr. Pedro Pinto Leite, Secretary-General, International Platform of Jurists for East Timor (AC.4/59/3/Add.11); Ms. Janet Lenz, Director, Saharawi Children's Programme–USA (AC.4/59/3/Add.13); Rev. Louis Parascand, Faith Community Church (AC.4/59/3/Add.15); and Ms. Christina Del Valle, Plataforma de Mujeres Artistas, Contra la Violencia de Género (AC.4/59/3/Add.2).

Right of reply

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Second Committee

6th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Mongolia, Cuba, Fiji, Kazakhstan, Ecuador, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Brazil (on behalf of the Rio Group), Malaysia, Jamaica, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Uganda, Cambodia, Costa Rica and Haiti.

The observer for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

7th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued and concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Senegal, Cameroon, the Congo, Kuwait, Paraguay, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Tuvalu (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)) and the United Arab Emirates.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Third Committee

5th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [93]

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [94]

(a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

(b) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [95]

The Committee continued its general discussion on the cluster of items and heard statements by the representatives of Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, the Philippines, Austria, Uganda, Nepal, the Syrian Arab Republic, Viet Nam, South Africa, the Congo, Belarus, Bahrain, the Bahamas, Thailand, Haiti, Myanmar, Fiji, Tunisia and Cameroon.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda items 93, 94 (a) and (b) and 95.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Fifth Committee

3rd meeting

Joint Inspection Unit [115]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Ion Gorita, introduced the reports of the Unit (A/59/34, A/59/75 and A/C.5/59/CRP.1).

The Director of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/59/349).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Russian Federation, Senegal, Cuba, India, Gabon, Pakistan, Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the United States, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago and Japan.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit and the Director of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Wednesday, 6 October, under the chairmanship of Ms. Karen Locj (South Africa), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the deadline for the submission of candidatures to the secretariat of the Fifth Committee in connection with agenda item 17, (a) to (f) (Appointment to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments) was Friday, 15 October 2004.

The Chairman also reminded members of the Committee to indicate their e-mail address on the forms available at the back of the conference room and to present those forms to the Conference Officer when completed.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

281st meeting

The Chairman made a statement on a number of activities, which had taken place since the previous meeting of the Committee.

Developments in the Middle East peace process and the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

Statements were made by the observer for Palestine and the Chairman of the Committee.

Report by the Chairman on the United Nations International Conference of Civil society in Support of the Palestinian People, 13 and 14 September 2004, Headquarters, New York

The Chairman made a statement.

Report by the Chairman on the Fourteenth Ministerial Conference of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, 19 August 2004, Durban

The Chairman made a statement.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly (A/AC.183/2004/CRP.2)

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the draft report.

Statements were made by the Chairman, the observer for Palestine and the representatives of Mali and Malaysia.

The Committee adopted its annual draft report to the General Assembly.

Other matters

The Chairman made announcements relating to the upcoming activities of the Committee.

Statements were made by the observer for Palestine and the representative of Cuba.

The Chairman responded to the statements.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Monday, 4 October 2004

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Trade and Development Board
Fifty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

956th plenary meeting *Opening of the session*

The fifty-first session of the Board was opened by H.E. Mr. Sha Zukang (China), President of the fiftieth session of the Board.

Procedural matters [1]

(a) Election of officers

The Board elected by acclamation H.E. Ms. Mary Whelan (Ireland) as the President of the Board.

The Board elected the following 10 Vice-Presidents: Mr. Youri Afanassiev (Russian Federation), Mr. Luciano Barillaro (Italy), H.E. Mr. Doru Romulus Costea (Romania), H.E. Ms. Sarala M. Fernando (Sri Lanka), Mr. Kiminori Iwama (Japan), Ms. Melissa J. Kehoe (United States), Mr. Ernesto Martínez Gondra (Argentina), H.E. Mr. Jorge Iván Mora Godoy (Cuba), H.E. Mr. Love Mtesa (Zambie) and Ms. Preeti Saran (India).

The Board elected Mr. Patrick Krappie as its Rapporteur.

Following established practice, the Board agreed that the Regional Coordinators and China, and the Chairmen of the Sessional Committees, would be fully associated with the work of the Bureau of the Board.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

The Board adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document TD/B/51/1.

Organization of work

The Board approved the proposals for the organization of the work of the session as contained in a revised timetable and agreed that, in the course of the session and in the light of developments, changes to the timetable would be reflected in the journal of the Board.

The Board established Sessional Committee I to consider and report on item 4 (Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010).

The Board elected H.E. Ms. Mary Whelan (Ireland) as Chairperson of Sessional Committee I.

The Board established Sessional Committee II to consider and report on item 5 (Economic development in Africa: Issues relating to Africa's debt sustainability).

H.E. Mr. Ousame Camara (Senegal) was elected as Chairperson of Sessional Committee II.

General statements

Mr. Carlos Fortin, Deputy-Secretary-General, Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD, addressed the Board.

The representatives of the following countries made statements: Brazil (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Chile (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Romania (on behalf of Group D), Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), Pakistan (on behalf of the

Asian Group), Benin (on behalf of Group of the Least Developed Countries), Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union and its 25 Member States, the candidate countries (Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey)), Switzerland, United States, Barbados and Venezuela.

Hearing with civil society, in accordance with paragraph 117 of the São Paulo Consensus [9 (b)]

The President of the Board made an opening statement. The Deputy Secretary-General, Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD, addressed the hearing.

The hearing with civil society took the form of number of panel discussions. The first was on trade and development related issues with the participation of Mr. Martin Khor, Third World Network (TWN), Malaysia; Mr. Josaphat P. Kweka, Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), United Republic of Tanzania; Ms. Janice Goodson Foerde, International Coalition for Development Action (ICDA), Women and Development (KULU), Denmark; and Ms. Elizabeth A. Eilor, African Women's Economic Policy Network (AWEPON), Uganda. The second panel discussion was on commodities with the participation of Ms. Kristin Dawkins, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP), United States; and Ms. Micheline Makou Djouma, Cameroon Organization for Promoting International Economical Cooperation (OCAPROCE). The third panel discussion was on the future of UNCTAD, with the participation of Mr. Mike Waghorne, Public Services International (PSI), France. The fourth panel discussion was on UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations Conferences and Summits in the economic and social fields, with the participation of Ms. Renate Bloem, Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CONGO), Geneva.

Tuesday, 5 October 2004

High-level segment

Follow-up to UNCTAD XI: New developments in international economic relations [2]

The President of the Board and the Deputy Secretary-General, Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD, made opening remarks.

Interactive session I took place with the following panellists: H.E. The Honourable Arjuna Ranatunga, Deputy Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment Promotion (Sri Lanka); H.E. Dr. Ziyad Bahaa Eldin, Chairman of the General Authority for Investment (Egypt); H.E. Mr. Rodolfo Severino, Presidential Adviser on Trade and Development, Department of Foreign Affairs (Philippines); and Mr. Richard W. Behrend, Director, Office of Economic and Development Affairs, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State (United States).

Interactive session II took place with the participation of the following lead discussants: H.E. Mr. Samuel Amehou (Benin); H.E. Mr. Carlo Trojan (European Commission); H.E. Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri (India); H.E. Mr. Shotaro Oshima (Japan); and H.E. Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya (Nepal).

In the afternoon, Interactive Session II and was concluded and was followed by interactive session III, with the participation of the following lead discussants: H.E. Mr. Péter Balás (Hungary); H.E. Mr. Ransford Smith (Jamaica); H.E. Mr. Joseph Ayalogu (Nigeria); H.E. Ms. Elizabeth Astete (Peru); Ms. Virginia Cram-Martos (Economic Commission for Europe); and Mr. Martin Khor (Third World Network).

During the interactive debate, the representatives of the following countries took the floor: Indonesia, Russian Federation, Norway, Senegal, Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Benin, Venezuela, Belarus, Republic of Korea and United States.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention on Conditions for Registration of Ships. Geneva, 7 February 1986

Accession: Syrian Arab Republic (29 September 2004)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Belarus (6 October 2004)[1]

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Accession: Belarus (6 October 2004)[1]

OLA/UNITAR Seminar on the Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

United Nations Headquarters, 9 and 10 November 2004

The above seminar, sponsored by the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat (OLA) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will take place on 9 and 10 November 2004 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The objective of the two-day seminar is to provide an overview of the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties. The seminar is designed essentially to meet the needs of members of the permanent missions and representatives from capitals, and other personnel, in particular, legal counsellors and advisors, dealing with matters of treaty law, or specifically involved with the preparation of treaty actions with regard to multilateral treaties and with the registration of treaties pursuant to Article 102 of the United Nations Charter. Assistance and guidance will also be provided on the domestic aspects of participation in multilateral treaties.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The seminar is based on the Treaty Handbook, which was developed and published by the Treaty Section of OLA. The Treaty Handbook is a practical guide to the depositary practice of the Secretary-General and the registration requirements of the Secretariat. It is designated to serve as a tool for Member States, secretariats of international organizations and legal practitioners.

For more information about the seminar, please contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Information Notes and Nomination Forms will be transmitted to the Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations in New York by UNITAR shortly.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing (in observance of the International Day of Older People)

This week, the topic of the first DPI/NGO briefing will be "Advancing health for older persons: Regional perspectives", in observance of the International Day of Older People. The briefing, to be held *today*, 7 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1, will take place in two parts. A plenary session will take place from 10 to 11.30 a.m., followed by a panel discussion from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Susanne Tinkl, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7949; e-mail tinkl@un.org).

World Food Day 2004 (16 October)

There will be a special ceremony on the occasion of 2004 World Food Day on the theme "Bio-diversity for food security", organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), on Monday, 18 October 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The FAO/CGIAR exhibit on food security and bio-diversity will also be inaugurated on the same day, in the public lobby of the Secretariat building. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the FAO Liaison Office to the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-6036).

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